

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 853 - HB 1123

March 10, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits smoking within a fire department recognized under the *Fire Department Recognition Act*. Expands the definitions of “employee” and “place of employment” under the *Non-Smoker Protection Act* to include volunteer or other firefighters and volunteer and other fire departments. Requires posting of "No Smoking" signs at each entrance to each fire hall.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures \$7,100*

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code. Ann. § 39-17-1805, a “No Smoking” sign or the international “No Smoking” symbol must be clearly posted at every entrance of a place of employment. This bill would place fire departments, volunteer or otherwise under the definition of “place of employment.”
- According to the State Fire Marshal’s Office, there are 1,410 fire stations in Tennessee that will be affected by this bill.
- An average of two entrances per fire station. Fifty percent of entrances to fire stations do not currently have a “No Smoking” sign, requiring purchase of 1,410 signs (1,410 x 2 x 50%).
- Each “No Smoking” sign costs \$5. The purchase of “No Smoking” signs for 1,057 fire stations will result in local expenditures of \$7,050 (1,410 x \$5).
- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and a middle initial "W." in between.

James W. White, Executive Director

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